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Hello to all of my Strategic Planners. Happy April to everyone! I know everyone is looking forward to Easter this month, and we should also be looking forward to celebrating Month of the Military Child. How does your Unit incorporate these special dates? Here is a list of additional important dates:

- Gold Star Spouses Day – April 5
- Air Force Reserve 77th Birthday – April 14
- Purple Up Day – April 15
- Army Reserve 117 Birthday – April 23
- National Military Brats Day – April 30

I know everyone has probably heard this in the past few weeks but just in case you haven't heard this I will repeat it. Did you know that anyone can submit the American Legion Auxiliary's Salute to Servicemembers Award?

An ALA member/entity simply makes the nomination, rather than the servicemember, to effectively tell the story of why they feel this person is "head and shoulders" above their peers and worth of this award. For example, all recipients of last year's Salute to Servicemembers Award are tremendous assets to their military community, thriving in their professional careers with awards and decorations to prove it, but all demonstrate the spirit of volunteerism.

At the very least, the goal is to have at least one submission from every Department and ensure that every branch of the military is represented – Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard. Space Force and the National Guard/Reserve. With our military installations, big and small, throughout the country, we have a huge number of service members to choose from. Let's remember our Mission to support our military and enter those service members that are so deserving.

A simple narrative of no more than 1000 words, a picture of the servicemember (preferably official Department of Defense photo) and the endorsement from their command group are the only requirements. The deadline is June 1, 2025, but it is better to submit now. The nomination form is live now. Simply click <https://www.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicewomen-Award> with the nomination form at <https://member.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicemembers>.

I would also like to remind everyone that District End of Year Reports are due to this Chairman by May 1, 2025. Have a wonderful Easter everyone!

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